

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings include changes to Figure 2B.
The attached "Replacement Sheet" which includes Figure 2B, replaces the original sheet including Figure 2B.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3 - 13 are now pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

DRAWINGS

The drawings stand objected to for certain informalities. First, paragraph [0019] of the specification has been amended to refer to Figure 2A. Second, Figure 2B has been amended to include a reference for item 50 noted in paragraph [0024] of the specification. Lastly, Applicant notes that item 46 of Figure 2A is referenced in the last sentence of paragraph [0023] of the specification. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of these objections are respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Applicant has amended this claim to address this rejection. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 3 - 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Kang et al., "Reliable watermark detection method based on analysis of correlation," Optical Engineering, December, 2000, pp 3308-3316. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is believed that the originally filed claims are patentably distinct over this reference. However, in order to expedite prosecution of this application, independent Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of objected to Claim 2. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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